## Your OFFICIAL GUIDE to the PASS-IN-REVIEW (PIR) CEREMONY

What's Recruit Training? All future **ENLISTED SAILORS** pass through Navy

Recruit Training Command (RTC). Sometimes called **BOOT CAMP**, it is the Navy's only **BASIC TRAINING**.

This is a **7–9 WEEK PROGRAM** that transforms everyday men and women (sons and daughters, brothers and sisters) into Navy Sailors.

This Capstone Event is a challenging yet fun 12-hr overnight drill exercise teaching Recruits about

swimming survival, teamwork, fire-fighting, damage control and more. It's a key to becoming a Sailor.

**Battle Stations 21:** 

So what's PIR?

a variety of Navy classes.

Where does this all take place?

Boot Camp is located at the

on site.

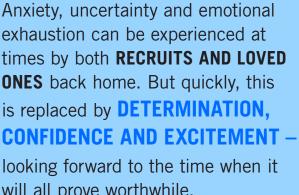
**Imagine being in their shoes** Recruit Training is a defining period. **INTENSE** at times.

**CHALLENGING** by design. Transforming Recruits to Sailors

involves everything from conditioning to swimming,

marching to drilling, not to mention coursework in

perseverance of Recruits



looking forward to the time when it will all prove worthwhile. From that point, phone calls are a rare privilege and Internet access is restricted.

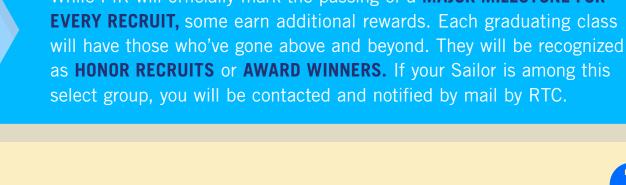
## expected to be FOCUSED ON THEIR TRAINING.

Wondering IS MY FUTURE SAILOR ON TRACK TO **GRADUATE?** Assume that **THE ANSWER IS YES** if you don't hear otherwise. Recruits are required

ARE RECOMMENDED).

and they will not graduate on time. No Internet umbilical

it's just not feasible.



Important guidelines to be aware of:

What's this I hear about special recognition?

with 12 or with 12 or (including Active **LESS DIVISIONS MORE DIVISIONS** 

**GUEST MAXIMUM** 

per Recruit for

training groups

**TICKETS** 

**CANNOT BE** 

**OBTAINED** 

from fellow Recruits

the responsibility of Recruits, and only they can determine who's on the list. Recruit Training Command can neither change nor release the names

included on the access list.

It's worth reiterating: This is

of those included.

**NO ENTRY** 



Flying in for the ceremony? Looking for a place to stay? FIRST, FIND THE CLOSEST AIRPORTS



46 miles from RTC

49 miles from RTC

> TAXI OR HOTEL SHUTTLE

**GETTING READY FOR THE BIG DAY** 





OR CALL 1-847-688-3537 for assistance (SELECT OPTION #3)

that you must have a **GRADUATION DATE VEHICLE GATE PASS** YOU CAN DOWNLOAD YOUR GATE PASS AT http://www.bootcamp.navy.mil/upcoming\_grads.asp The PASSWORD REQUIRED to access this file is provided in the FORM LETTER sent home during the first week of training by your Recruit.

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orders. Please verify with your Recruit that a DVD has not been ordered by them prior to placing your request. To ORDER A DVD OF YOUR RECRUIT'S PIR, please provide the following information:

highlights the Recruits' Boot

PHOTOGRAPHS (of the graduating

Division and individual)

**GRADUATION FROM RTC** is ultimately signified by a FORMAL MILITARY CEREMONY known as PASS-IN-REVIEW (PIR).

Just remember, Recruits are extremely busy

to contact their family if their training is disrupted

How do you get tickets? There are **NO ACTUAL TICKETS OR PASSES** to the PIR graduation ceremony. **RECRUITS PROVIDE THE NAMES** OF GUESTS they want to be



**WISCONSIN** 

**ILLINOIS** 

GRADUATION DAY VEHICLE GATE PASS

173

**Great Lakes** 

Lake

Michigan

Chicago

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RESERVE YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS ACCORDINGLY. And be aware that you can get information and assistance with making hotel and airline reservations by contacting NAVY MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION (MWR). Visit the MWR website at http://www.mwrgl.com/gen\_info/rtc\_graduation/rtcgraduation.htm

When the time for PIR finally arrives, one of the most important things to do is to BE AWARE OF THE SCHEDULE. This should help ensure that your visit goes smoothly.

> A DIVISION CRUISE BOOK (which Plus a **DVD** of your Recruit's

go, whether you have SUGGESTIONS, QUESTIONS or STORIES TO SHARE, one of the best places to get insight

It's an important RITE OF PASSAGE: Honoring the hard work and Recognizing their dedication REAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER and commitment to a new It's north of **Chicago**, **Illinois**, near the western shore of Lake Michigan. life of service The PIR ceremony is held in the MIDWAY CEREMONIAL DRILL HALL • Welcoming them into the timehonored traditions and customs of America's Navy

HOW DO YOU TALK TO YOUR SAILOR IN TRAINING? **NEW RECRUITS ARE ENTITLED TO MAKE A SHORT** CALL HOME TO CONFIRM ARRIVAL AT BOOT CAMP. **LETTERS CAN BE SENT** with ROUND-THE-CLOCK ACTIVITIES and are AND RECEIVED BY MAIL.

> Thinking WHY NOT JUST LIST UPDATES ONLINE? Well, consider this: There are, on average,

anywhere from 700 to 1,000 graduating Sailors each week. At the same time, there are also some divisions running Battle Stations – the massive 12-hr marathon exercise that serves as a hands-on test of everything learned in Boot Camp. In short, ANNUALLY While PIR will officially mark the passing of a MAJOR MILESTONE FOR

> **ADDITIONAL PLEASE**

**ALL GUESTS** 

AND OVER

must be on the

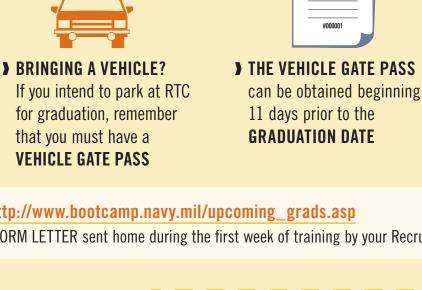
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FROM

**CALLING** 

> YOU SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE AT LEAST 2 HOURS PRIOR to the ceremony (which starts at 9 a.m. sharp)







NOW, A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND Keep the end in sight **DURING THE PERIOD BUILDING UP TO GRADUATION:** When formative training is capped off by the PIR ceremony, it's one No News = Good News ♥ of the **PROUDEST AND MOST** MEMORABLE MOMENTS in a Sailor's career. TAKE IT FROM ANY SAILOR – OR FROM ANY FAMILY MEMBER OR GUEST WHO

HAS BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO WITNESS THE OCCASION (YES, TISSUES SAILORS GRADUATE

as HONOR RECRUITS or AWARD WINNERS. If your Sailor is among this select group, you will be contacted and notified by mail by RTC. **RESERVING YOUR SEAT(S) TO PIR** The PIR ceremony is an intimate and **EXCLUSIVE EVENT.** Space is limited. And the **ATTENDANCE POLICY IS STRICTLY ENFORCED.** 

**GUEST MAXIMUM** 

per Recruit for

training groups

**CHILDREN** AGE **AND UNDER** do not need to be on the access list

**Additional Tips** 

DRIVER'S LICENSE

**>** GUESTS 18 AND OLDER

must present valid

government-issued

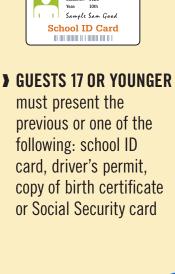
photo identification

ID card, passport or

military ID card)

(driver's license, state

Some other important THINGS TO KNOW:







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DRILL HALL, CARRYING FLAG DISPLAYS. THEIR DIVISION FLAGS. AND REMEMBER, no cell PRECIOUS TIME WITH YOUR SAILOR phones or electronic devices of any kind for Recruits while At the conclusion of the ceremony, you can make your way down to the main floor stationed at **RTC**. So please do to congratulate your Sailor. It is recommended that you allow a little time for not bring them. Just plan to them to enjoy the moment with their fellow graduates. enjoy whatever time you have, and ensure your Recruit returns to RTC well GRADUATING SAILORS WILL BE GRANTED DAYTIME LIBERTY before liberty is over. (which is "time off" from the daily work routine) after graduation to spend time with family and friends. When it's available and how long it lasts will vary depending upon the Command or A-School to which your Sailor will be assigned next. It may only be a few hours, so make arrangements to meet up and be patient as you wait to spend time with your Sailor. OFFICIAL MEMENTOS AVAILABLE To preserve the experience of Boot Camp and PIR, the Navy Exchange Photographic Services at

Camp experiences from Night of Arrival to Graduation Day) KEEP IN MIND: Photographs and cruise books may only be purchased by the Recruit prior to PIR.

is at <a href="http://www.navyformoms.com/group/pirreferenceinformation.">http://www.navyformoms.com/group/pirreferenceinformation.</a> Here, you'll find a group dedicated to discussing PIR REFERENCE INFORMATION and a host of helpful DISCUSSION FORUM TOPICS designed to address your needs.

ORDERING A DVD AFTER THE CEREMONY If your Recruit did not order a DVD of PIR, the Navy Exchange Photographic Services Office will accept **RECRUIT'S NAME DIVISION NUMBER** DATE OF PASS-IN-REVIEW CEREMONY RETURN ADDRESS DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER Please contact THE NAVY EXCHANGE PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES OFFICE at **847-578-6205** for prices and any additional information. ECOMMENDATIONS Where to stay? What to expect? Gift ideas for your graduating Sailor? Whether you've attended a PIR or are planning to

THE SCHEDULE FOR GRADUATION **Getting to RTC** TIME **ACTIVITY Give yourself plenty of time** to get to Great Lakes Naval Training Center. See the map below for directions to RTC. 6:30 AM RTC gate opens to guests. Midway Ceremonial Drill Hall 7:00 AM doors open to guests. All guests must be seated. 8:45 AM Midway Ceremonial Drill Hall Great Lakes Naval Training CTR doors close; no further entry Buckley Rd for guests. 9:00 AM Pass-In-Review commences. Divisions arrive. 9:20 AM (131) 10:30 AM Pass-In-Review concludes. If you are UTILIZING A GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM, please input the Remember, the PIR ceremony begins promptly following address: at 9 a.m., and you should PLAN TO ARRIVE **Recruit Training Command** AT LEAST 2 HOURS PRIOR. 3355 Illinois Street Great Lakes, Illinois 60088 What can you carry in? What about security? Due to security regulations, luggage is All persons, articles and vehicles are subject to **SECURITY SEARCHES**. not permitted inside the Ceremonial Drill Metal detectors and other security devices are in use onboard Recruit Training Command. Expect a delay at the security Hall. It is highly recommended that you checkpoints due to this added security requirement. Also be leave any extra, unnecessary items in your aware that CONTRABAND - including alcohol, illegal drugs, and car. COMMON ITEMS that you are ALLOWED knives or weapons of any kind – are strictly **PROHIBITED ITEMS** on TO BRING in include small purses, small site. This or any other such contraband will be confiscated and diaper bags and cameras/video recorders. could prevent you from being granted entry. **DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS,** Visitors Center Check-In strollers, car seats and backpacks, though After parking in the parking garage, you will MAKE YOUR WAY TO allowable, are ITEMS THAT ARE DISCOURAGED. THE VISITORS CENTER TO CHECK IN. Capturing memories via photos and videos is permitted at the Visitors Center but not outside of the building. How should you celebrate the moment? **Handicap Access** PIR is a milestone moment in a Sailor's If you require handicap parking, you can simply show your career. To remember the experience, HANDICAPPED PARKING PLACARD, and security will direct you to a TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO is allowed parking lot located adjacent to the Midway Ceremonial Drill Hall. and encouraged during the entire WHEELCHAIRS ARE AVAILABLE in this area for guests who require them ceremony - but again, not outside of and are also available on a first-come, first-served basis when the building. As this is a formal military guests check in at the Visitors Center. ceremony, it is advised that you REFRAIN FROM INAPPROPRIATE YELLING, CLAPPING, **Ceremonial Drill Hall Seating CHEERING AND STANDING** when the hall Guests entering the drill hall will file into **BLEACHER SEATING**. Keep is quiet – during speeches and when in mind that there is a limited HANDICAPPED-DESIGNATED SEATING AREA Recruits are receiving instructions. on the drill deck and one family member may accompany a NOTE THAT SIGNS ARE NOT PERMITTED AND WILL handicapped family member there. **BE CONFISCATED** since they can block the view of other guests. A MOVING CEREMONY There's nothing quite like witnessing your Sailor's graduation. **DURING PASS-IN-REVIEW, AWARDS ARE GIVEN TO SPECIAL PERFORMING** EACH DIVISION, IN DRESS **DIVISIONS ENTERTAIN OUTSTANDING DIVISIONS** UNIFORMS, MARCHES INTO THE CROWD WITH SONG, AND INDIVIDUAL SAILORS. RIFLE DRILLS AND THE MIDWAY CEREMONIAL Recruit Training Command offers each graduating Recruit the opportunity to purchase: